Be it therefore Enacted and Declared, That where Copies of Session Declarations are served, or left according to the Directions of the Laws said Act, and no sufficient Cause shewn for an Imparlance, and that the Defendant should plead a Matter of Fact, which is required to be done at the Appearance-court; that then, and in such Case, the Fact shall be tryed at the First Assizes that shall happen after the Appearance-court, in the County where the Fact hath arisen, or shall arise; except where it shall be found Necessary to change the Venue: Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That any Action now depending in the Provincial-court, may be continued, if Need be, until October Court Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Five; without being affected by the Act limiting the Continuance of Actions.

And whereas by an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the Counties where they arise, it is particularly declared, That the Provincial-Courts shall be held on the Third Tuesday in May and October Yearly, which being a Time that now does, and hereafter may interfere with the Sitting of Assemblies;

Be it therefore Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Provincial Court, as often as they shall have special Occasion for so doing, to adjourn the said Provincial Court from the Days aforesaid, to any other convenient Time, as to them shall seem meet: Any Act to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstanding.

This Act to continue so long as the Act for Trying Matters of Fact in several Counties where they have arisen and shall arise.

An Act for Erecting a Town at Joppa, in Baltemore County; and 1724 for Securing the Land whereon the Court-House and Prisons Chap. XVI are built, to the Use of the said County.

Whereas the Inhabitants of Baltemore County, have made ap- 1727, p. 270; supplepear to this Assembly, That a Publick Court-House and Prison mented by have been erected at Joppa, in the said County, at their Expence; and that the Right of the Land is in a Minor under the Age of Twenty One Years, who (altho' his Father Col. James Maxwell hath received full Satisfaction for the said Land) cannot convey the same: And for that the said Inhabitants have likewise set forth and made appear that the Business of that County is greatly delay'd and obstructed by the want of some convenient Places of Entertainment, at or near the said Court-House, the Officers thereof, and Suitors thereto being obliged to go a great Distance for necessary Accommodation, and lie under several other Inconveniencies, that the Erecting of a Town at the said Place would probably remove:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's

[Wm Parks compilation, 1737, ch. 11]